Homegoing Celebration Service

Mother Lennon M. Holmes

Sunrise August 11, 1915 ***Sunset June 27, 2004***

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His Praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

Service: Wednesday, July 7, 2004 – 11:00 a.m.

New Liberation Presbyterian Church
1100 Divisadero Street
San Francisco, California

Mother Holmes, you were a fort of resistance in the name of heaven against the forces of evil in the world today!!!

Elder Joseph O. King
Little Chapel Church of God in Christ
Officiating

OBITUARY

Mother Lennon M. Holmes was born August 11, 1915 in Jackson, Tennessee to the union of Mary and Will Holmes. She was one of six children; 3 brothers and 1 sister preceded her in death.

Sister Holmes received her formal education in Jackson. It was there that she was taught about the love of God and was saved at a very early age and remained a member of Rock Temple Church of God in Christ. She is remembered as a child with a happy and helpful personality.

As a young adult, Sister Lennon moved to California; residing in Santa Barbara and then Los Angeles where she united with the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, pastored by Bishop S.M. Crouch. In 1939 she moved to San Francisco and united with Little Chapel Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder L.E. Cleaver.

After working in several capacities of the church she felt led to use her cooking skills and began to cook pastries and tamales. The Lord blessed her and she became known as "Sister" to the many people she served. Sister Holmes loved Bible Study and cooking in the church dining room. She had a wonderful recall of the old songs and loved singing the "Oldies". Mother Holmes was faithful to the services.

Looking forward to her 90th birthday, she warned the Church that she may not live to see it; but if the Lord called her she had this testimony ***"I AM READY TO GO"***. Early on the Lord's Day, June 27, 2004 she answered the call.

She leaves to cherish her memory one son, James Boyd of Nevada; one brother, Alton Holmes of San Francisco, California; six grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a host of loving nieces, nephews and other family members and many long time friends. She will be greatly missed by her loving church families.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude ..... *Musicians*

Processional of Ministers & Family

Opening Prayer .....

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... *Elder Herring*
New Testament ..... *Missionary Linda. King*

Musical Selection ..... *Congregation*

Remarks ..... *Clergy*
Supervisors
Mother V. Turner
Mother Person

Tributes ..... *Mother Frances Curtis*
(Representing Family)

Expressions ..... *Friends and Family*
(Limited Three Minutes)

Solo ..... *Miss Bobby Anderson*

Acknowledgements ..... *Missionary Doris Allen*

Tribute ..... *Little Chapel COGIC*

Musical Selection .....

The Eulogy ..... *Elder Joseph O. King*
Senior Pastor, Little Chapel COGIC

Parting View

Recessional

Active Pallbearers

Elder Jasper McCargo
Brother Paul Anderson
Brother Matthew Simmons
Elder Herring
Minister Butler
Appointee

Honorary Pallbearers

The Senior Mothers and Senior Deacons
Of
Little Chapel Church of God in Christ

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In this hour of bereavement, the family acknowledges with deep appreciation the great outpouring of sympathy and warm consolation we have received from our friends throughout the community. You have lifted our hearts, with your prayers and help.

May God bless each of you.

Internment:
Cypress Lawn Memorial Park
Colma, California

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:
Lewis & Ribbs Mortuary
6424 Third Street
San Francisco, California 94124